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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-40

Please add the following new claims

41. (New) A method of manufacturing a golf club head, comprising:

forming a strike plate from a metallic material, said strike plate defining an inner surface and an outer surface and forming at least a portion of a crown of the golf club head, said strike plate defining an outwardly facing first attachment surface, at least a portion of said first attachment surface being formed on said crown;

providing a shell made of composite material comprising

an inner surface and an outer surface,

an inwardly facing second attachment surface, at least a portion of said second attachment surface being formed on said crown,

a first abutment surface transverse to said outer surface and said inner surface of said shell; and

attaching said strike plate to said shell, said first abutment surface abutting a second abutment surface defined by said strike plate, said second abutment surface transverse to said outer surface and said inner surface of said strike plate, said first attachment surface generally parallel to and spaced outward from a corresponding portion of said inner surface of said strike plate, said second attachment surface spaced inward from a corresponding portion of said outer surface of said shell.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein attaching said strike plate to said shell comprises adhesively securing said first attachment surface to said second attachment surface.

43. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein forming said strike plate comprises forming a hosel.

44. (New) A method of manufacturing a golf club head, comprising:

forming a strike plate/sole plate combination from a metallic material, said strike plate defining an inner surface and an outer surface and forming at least a portion of a crown of the golf club head, said strike plate defining an outwardly facing first attachment surface, at least a portion of said first attachment surface being formed on said crown;

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providing a shell made of composite material comprising

an inner surface and an outer surface,

an inwardly facing second attachment surface, at least a portion of said second attachment surface being formed on said crown,

a first abutment surface transverse to said outer surface and said inner surface of said shell; and

attaching said strike plate/sole plate combination to said shell, said first abutment surface abutting a second abutment surface defined by said strike plate, said second abutment surface transverse to said outer surface and said inner surface of said strike plate, said first attachment surface generally parallel to and spaced outward from a corresponding portion of said inner surface of said strike plate, said second attachment surface spaced inward from a corresponding portion of said outer surface of said shell.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein attaching said strike plate/sole plate combination to said shell comprises adhesively securing said first attachment surface to said second attachment surface.

46. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein forming said strike plate/sole plate combination comprises forming a hosel.

47. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein forming said strike plate/sole plate combination comprises forming an annular rib extending inwardly from a periphery of said sole plate.